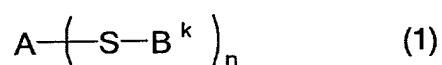


ABSTRACT

Optical materials with improved heat resistance,
 especially dopant-type GI POFs with improved heat
 resistance are provided. These optical materials each
 5 comprises at least one aromatic sulfide compound
 represented by the following formula (1):



wherein

n stands for an integer of from 2 to 12,

10 k stands for an integer of from 1 to n,

A represents a substituted or unsubstituted, n-
 valent carbocyclic aromatic ring or heterocyclic aromatic
 ring, and

15 B¹ to Bⁿ each independently represent a substituted
 or unsubstituted, carbocyclic aromatic group or
 heterocyclic aromatic group.

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